

Table F-6. Median salary of full-time employed science and engineering master's degree recipients in 1997 and 1998, by broad sector of employment and major field of degree: April 1999

Major field of 1997-98 S&E master's degree	Total	Broad sector of employment		
		Private industry and business ¹	Educational institution ²	Government ³
All science and engineering fields.....	\$46,000	\$50,000	\$33,000	\$40,000
Total science.....	40,000	46,000	32,000	37,000
Computer and information sciences.....	58,000	59,000	S	S
Life and related sciences, total.....	34,000	43,000	31,000	34,000
Agricultural and food sciences.....	34,500	S	S	S
Biological sciences.....	34,000	45,000	30,000	S
Environmental life sciences including forestry sciences.....	36,000	36,000	S	S
Mathematical and related sciences.....	44,000	50,000	33,000	S
Physical and related sciences, total.....	41,600	44,000	28,300	37,000
Chemistry, except biochemistry.....	43,000	45,000	S	S
Earth sciences, geology, and oceanography.....	37,000	42,000	S	S
Physics and astronomy.....	40,000	47,000	S	S
Other physical sciences.....	S	S	S	S
Psychology.....	32,000	31,200	31,000	33,000
Social and related sciences, total.....	40,000	40,000	34,500	40,000
Economics.....	45,000	45,000	S	S
Political science and related sciences.....	40,000	41,000	S	40,000
Sociology and anthropology.....	31,200	27,000	S	S
Other social sciences.....	38,000	37,000	34,500	41,100
Total engineering.....	55,000	55,000	35,000	50,000
Aerospace and related engineering.....	50,000	51,000	S	S
Chemical engineering.....	55,000	55,000	S	S
Civil and architectural engineering.....	45,000	44,000	S	47,800
Electrical, electronic, computer and communications engineering.....	60,000	60,000	S	56,000
Industrial engineering.....	55,000	56,000	S	S
Mechanical engineering.....	51,000	52,000	S	S
Other engineering.....	52,000	55,000	S	50,000

¹ Private industry and business includes all private for-profit and private not-for-profit companies, businesses, and organizations, except those reported as educational institutions.

² Educational institutions include elementary and secondary schools, 2-year and 4-year colleges and universities, medical schools, university-affiliated research organizations, and all other educational institutions.

³ Government includes local, state, and Federal Government, military, and commissioned corps.

KEY: S = Data with weighted values less than 100 or unweighted sample sizes less than 20 are suppressed for reasons of data reliability.

NOTES: Salary data are for principal job only. Full-time employed are those working at least 35 hours per week at their principal job. Self-employed persons and full-time students are excluded from salary data.

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